

Experimental Aircraft Association 1643 Inc. Newsletter
June 1, 2022

TO ALL MEMBERS OF CHAPTER 1643:

June Chapter Gathering

The June Chapter Gathering will not be a formal meeting since the Chapter's Young Eagle event is being held on the Chapter's typical gathering day of June 11, 2022. Everyone should have received Aaron's May 29, 2022 update on the event which is repeated verbatim below. The YE committee will be sending out further guidance about the event. If you have any questions or, if you have volunteered but a last minute problem prevents your being present at the event, please let Aaron know as soon as possible.

July Chapter Gathering

Following on the success of last year's barbecue, Dave and Andrea Scharfenberg have generously agreed to host the Chapter's July, 2022 Gathering/barbecue at their home on July 9, 2022. While details are still being worked out, it is tentatively anticipated the event will start with a short Chapter meeting at 5:00 pm followed by food and other festivities. Further details will be forthcoming as plans are refined and put in place.

OSF Helicopter Visit

The OSF Life Flight and crew attended the June Gathering. Pilot "CJ" Clarence Pulcher and two flight nurses, Courtney Przybyla and Josie Horn, were on hand and graciously answered many questions about the job they do and how they do it. It was a very informative and personable meeting with people who use aviation and its abilities every day in support of the community and surrounding area. Thank you to OSF for their participation and thank you to CJ, Courtney and Josie for sharing their time and experiences with us. Thanks again to Aaron for reaching out to get this set up.

June Board of Directors Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held one week earlier than normal due to schedule conflicts at the end of June. Therefore, the June Board of directors meeting will be held Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 4:00 pm in the board room at Jet Air. Members are always welcome to attend.

Young Eagles

I just wanted to provide an update about our upcoming Young Eagles event for Saturday, June 11th. We have reached 100% capacity for our event with 60

registered kids and a waitlist has begun for the event! This will be the first flight for 70% of the kids as well!

If you have not expressed your interest to volunteer, please let Matt Pankau or myself know soon so we can make sure we have sufficient pilots and ground volunteers!

Please remember to complete your EAA Youth Protection training and background check ASAP. The link below is for the Youth Protection training required by EAA to volunteer for Young Eagles. It can take some time for the background check to go through, so please complete it soon or you will not be able to participate. The training is valid for 3 years, so if you have any interest in the future, you might just want to get it out of the way. You will have to print out the certificate and have it on you for events. Let me know if you have any issues or questions!

<https://www.eaa.org/eaayouth/youth-protection-policy-and-program>

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Chapter Activities

The Chapter continues to solicit ideas regarding speakers or activities for Chapter gatherings. If members have ideas on presentations or subject matter please pass them on to your officers or directors.

Flyouts

Flyouts are still on the “to do” list but with the planting season and the lack of cooperation by the weather, opportunities have been difficult to find. More on this later.

Member Biography

This month’s featured Member Biography is presented by Matt Jern. Matt’s experience, in his own words, follows:

When/How did you get interested in aviation? I can’t really say a specific time I got interested in aviation but I remember reading every book about airplanes I could find growing up. My first ride was a discovery flight in a Cessna 150 with Harrell Timmons when I was about 15. I have always just liked airplanes.

Where did you learn to fly? In what? I started my flight training at KGBG in a Cessna 150m. I finished my private at KLOW in a Cessna 150 aerobat.

What have you flown/what do you fly now? Over the years I've been lucky to log time in a multitude of different airplanes. Some more notable being Stearman, Fairchild PT19, Cessna Birddog. And about every single engine Cessna and Piper. Right now I own a 1946 Taylorcraft bc12d and a 1969 Cessna 150j.

Do you have any aviation experience outside of the cockpit? I work full time as an A&P/IA for a part 135 repair station FBO. Right now specializing in avionics. Also currently started my own business doing aircraft repairs and maintenance as a traveling mechanic in the area with hopefully soon a permanent hangar of my own to do work.

Do you have any memorable flying stories? I would say most of my flying is memorable in some way or another but I remember the first time flying my family as a private pilot as a milestone. I flew a Skyhawk back to KGBG from the Pennsylvania coast. That was a fun adventure. And I love giving kids there first airplane ride when they have the same smile I did when I was 15.

What do you like to do outside of flying? Honestly the last couple of years my life has been filled with aviation. I do enjoy going to aviation museums. I really like the national Air Force museum. I got to see the Memphis belle when they unveiled the restoration. I also enjoy the outdoors.

What's your favorite airplane? This is tough as I have several favorites. My childhood favorite was the sr71 and still is top 2 today. I've recently learned more about the xb70 and would have loved to see it fly. I did see the only surviving one in Dayton along with the sr71 and a12.

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